

WHAT'S ON



Museum of
Natural
History

Sat 6 May, 2-4pm ●

Playing Tricks on your Brain

Join scientists from Experimental Psychology to play with visual illusions. Take part in real experiments and help us understand more about how our brains pay attention.

Mon 8 May, 10.30am & 11.30am, Under 5s ●

A Little Look at... Dinosaurs

Stomp and roar like a dinosaur! A guided walk around the Museum.

Tues 9 May, 7-9pm ●

Café Scientifique

Dr Jennifer Whitfield discusses genomics and the 100,000 Genomes Project.

Thu 11 May, 11am-12pm ●

Sensing Culture: Brain Diaries

A hands-on experience of the Brain Diaries exhibition with neuroscientist Dr Holly Bridge, especially for blind and partially-sighted visitors. Free, but book at:

outreach@museums.ox.ac.uk or 01865 282 456

Fri 12 May, 7-10pm ●

NeuroNight

Feed your brain with a host of mind-expanding neuroscience goodness. Music, activities, scientists, and a bar. Late night special. **£3 Book at:**

www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Sat 13 May, 2.30pm ●

Brain Spotlight

Neuroscientists share their research in an informal in-gallery talk.

Tue 16 May, 10.30am-12.30pm ●

Under 5s, Drop-in

Curious Cubs

Pick up one of our activity bags and explore with Pebbles, Smokey and Huxley.

Tue 16 May, 2.30-4pm ●

Age of Nature

A talk about the latest research into how to keep the brain active and healthy, with neuroscientist Claire Sexton. Age of Nature is a group enabling older people to explore and enjoy the Museum's collections. No booking required.

Sat 20 May, 2.30pm ●

Brain Natter

Have a chat with Andy and Rebecca from Headway Oxfordshire, both living with a brain injury. Find out how it affects them in their everyday lives.

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Tue 30 & Wed 31 May, 1-4pm ●

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Help us catch a big one, or two! Join us in welcoming our new bears to the Museum and take part in brilliant bear craft activities.

Thu 1 Jun, 7-8.30pm ●

Dangers and Discoveries in Northern Mozambique

Professor Julian Bayliss presents his scientific expeditions in the mountains and rainforests of Mozambique. Co-hosted with BBOWT. Tickets £4. **oxfordfestivalofnature.org**

Sat 3 Jun, 10am-4pm ●

Wild Fair

Meet scientists, wildlife and conservation groups, and some of the creatures they study at the big launch of Oxfordshire's Festival of Nature. Co-hosted with BBOWT. **oxfordfestivalofnature.org**

Sat 10 Jun, 8-10pm ●

The Ugly Animal Preservation Society

A night of stand-up comedy with a conservation twist! Dedicated to raising the profile of Mother Nature's more 'aesthetically-challenged' children. Co-hosted with BBOWT. Tickets £8. **oxfordfestivalofnature.org**

Mon 12 Jun, 10.30am & 11.30am, Under 5s ●

A Little Look at... Underground

An active hands-on exploration of animals and rocks that you can find under your feet. A guided walk around the Museum for toddlers to 5 years.

Tues 13 Jun, 7-9pm ●

Café Scientifique

Dr Mike Bowl discusses how deafness arises.

Sat 17 Jun, 2.30pm ●

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Sun 18 Jun 10-5pm ●

Soldierflies and their Allies

Join entomologists Martin Harvey and Dr Judy Webb for this day school based in the field and museum. Explore the diversity and ecological importance of these insects. Tickets £30. Booking and event details at: **www.bit.ly/mnhtickets**

Tue 20 Jun, 10.30am-12.30pm ●

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Curious Cubs

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Thu 29 Jun, 7.30-9pm ●

The Great Debate: 'Smart Drugs - Is it Cheating?'

On the anniversary of the Great Debate join Radio 4's Claire Fox and a panel of experts to debate the ethics and social impacts of the rising use of smart drugs.

Book at www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Sat 1 Jul, 12-3pm ●

Games in Wonderland

Celebrate Alice's Day in Oxford with *Alice in Wonderland*-themed games, and create your own flamingo croquet game.

Mon 10 Jul, 10.30am & 11.30am, Under 5s ●

A Little Look at... Baby Animals

An active hands-on exploration of how animal parents look after their babies. A guided walk around the Museum for toddlers to 5 years.

Tues 11 Jul, 7-9pm ●

Café Scientifique

Professor Dorothy Bishop discusses the developmental diseases caused by extra X/Y chromosomes.

Sat 15 Jul, 2.30pm ●

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Tue 18 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm ●

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Mon 24 Jul, 1-4pm, Drop-in ●

Afternoon Explorers: Creature Colours

Look at museum specimens to see the rainbow of colour in the animal kingdom. Make a colourful peacock headdress and find out why its plumage is so eye-catching!

Mon 7 Aug, 1-4pm, Drop-in ●

Afternoon Explorers: Funny Feet

Discover more about paws, claws, toes, and flippers of animals from all over the world. Make a pair of funny feet to wear.

Thu 10 & Fri 11 Aug, 10am-4pm, Drop-in ●

Word Detectives with ReadOxford

Meet ReadOxford - the word scientists behind the Word Detective game in the Brain Diaries exhibition. Take part in real experiments and help us understand more about how our brains process language.

Mon 21 Aug, 1-4pm, Drop-in ●

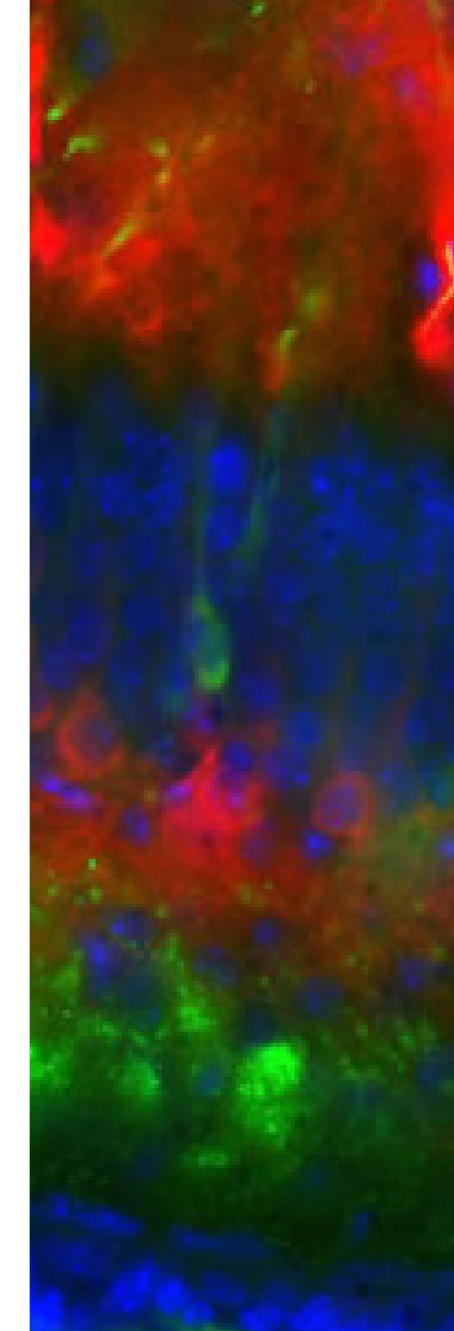
Afternoon Explorers: Rascally Reptiles

Get a close look at some of our rascally reptiles but don't get too close to the crocodile! Take part in craft activities and see some of our scaly friends.

- Adults and young people
- Families
- Older people
- Suitable for all

All events are free unless stated otherwise, but donations help support our programme.

For the full Family Friendly programme across the Oxford University Museums see **www.museums.ox.ac.uk**



Cells in the developing brain coloured using fluorescent probes, from the Brain Diaries exhibition. Image: Zoltán Molnár

DISPLAYS

Delightful Dung Beetles

22 May - 17 July

Presenting... case

Dung beetles have been revered since Ancient Egyptian times and are now recognised as an ecologically and economically important group of insects.

John Obadiah Westwood

18 July - 12 September

Presenting... case

An insight into the works of John Obadiah Westwood, the University's first Hope Professor of Zoology.

Illustrating Life

22 May - 17 September

Community case

Work by our community of artists, displayed alongside specimens from the Museum's Life Collections which inspired them.

The Song of the Trees

Wytham Room

A small display telling the story of some of the trees in the University of Oxford's Wytham Woods.



REGULAR EVENTS

Spotlight Specimens

Monday-Thursday at 2.30pm

An informal specimen show-and-tell in the Museum court. Ask questions and chat with Museum experts.

Architecture Tours

Every Friday, 2.30pm & 3.15pm, Adults

Take a free volunteer-led tour to learn about the Museum's Grade 1-listed building.

Science Saturdays

Every Saturday, 6 May - 17 June except

Saturday 3 June

2-4pm, Drop-in, Ages 8+

Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.

Bags of Fun

Every Tuesday 25 July - 29 August

Family Friendly

Borrow a backpack full of activities and become a family of museum explorers.

Big Stars & Little Secrets

22 July - 2 September, in opening hours

Family Friendly

Decide which of the Natural History's biggest stars is your favourite, then discover the best-kept secrets in the Pitt Rivers Museum with this fun family trail.

Family Friendly Sundays

Every Sunday, 2-4pm, Drop-in

Family Friendly trails, crafts, backpacks and more, all provided by Museum volunteers.



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